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Kimberly Francisco Appointed City of Gaithersburg Finance Director

Gaithersburg, Maryland (March 10, 2021) Gaithersburg City Manager Tanisha Briley announced the appointment of Kimberly “Kim” Francisco as Director of Gaithersburg’s Department of Finance and Administration. The position has been vacant since the resignation of Rafiu Ighile in September of 2020. Comptroller Janice Hartman has been serving as Acting Director in the interim.

“Kim was selected from a highly qualified pool of candidates to be the next Finance Director for the City of Gaithersburg,” said Tanisha Briley. “We were impressed with Kim’s comprehensive understanding of the workings of municipal government. Coming from a neighboring jurisdiction, we know that Kim is familiar with the intertwined nature of our City, County and State governments. We look forward to her tapping in to that experience, and also bringing a unique perspective to Gaithersburg’s fiscal management and operations.”

“I am excited to be joining the City of Gaithersburg team and for the opportunity to build upon the great foundation set by the Finance Department,” said Kim. “I look forward to collaborating with departments across the City to bring innovative best practices to City operations and also working in partnership with the Senior Leadership Team as Gaithersburg continues its trajectory of growth into the future.”

Kim has served as the Controller for the City of Rockville, Maryland, since 2011. She manages the accounting, internal audit, accounts payable and payroll functions, and counts among her accomplishments the successful implementation of a number of cash management, travel, taxable fringe benefit, and fund balance policies.

Prior to her work in municipal government, Kim served as Senior Auditor for the public accounting firm of Cohn Reznick, LLP, where she specialized in the auditing and internal control analysis of financial institutions, nonprofit organizations, pension plans, and government entities.

Kim holds a Master of Science in Accounting from the American University and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Maryland. She is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the Maryland Government Finance Officers Association, the National Association of Black Accountants and the National Government Finance Officers Association, where she serves as a member of the Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Committee.

Gaithersburg’s Director of Finance and Administration is appointed by the City Manager and oversees a department of 11 full time equivalent positions with an approved FY21 operating budget of \$18.6 million. Divisions include Finance and Administration, Procurement and Purchasing, and General Services. The City’s overall FY21 budget is \$69.4 million. Kim is expected to begin on May 10, 2021.

For more information, please contact the Gaithersburg City Manager's office at 301-258-6310 or visit the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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